

democratic way of life as opposed to ideologies which seek to destroy the basic principles of freedom cherished by this Nation; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that on a special day each year our armed forces demonstrate to the people of the United States and our friends overseas their increased teamwork and efficiency and their technological advances; and

WHEREAS it is fitting and proper that all our citizens devote one day each year to paying special tribute to our fighting forces as the protectors and defenders of our Nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 15, 1954, as Armed Forces Day; and I direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, as well as the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the Coast Guard, to mark that day with appropriate ceremonies and to cooperate with civil authorities in suitable observances.

I invite the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States to provide for the celebration of the day in such manner as will pay suitable honor to the members of the armed forces.

I also call upon my fellow citizens not only to display the flag of the United States on Armed Forces Day, but also to manifest their recognition of the sacrifice and devotion to duty of the men and women of the armed forces by attending and participating in the local observances of the day conducted by the armed forces and the civil authorities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-eighth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

WALTER B. SMITH

*Acting Secretary of State*

RED CROSS MONTH, 1954

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross, under the terms of its charter established by act of Congress, is a major instrument for protecting the health and welfare of the American people through voluntary services supported and rendered by its members; and

WHEREAS the services of the Red Cross demonstrate our Nation's tradition of neighbor helping neighbor; and

WHEREAS the Red Cross, while continuing at full strength its welfare program for members of the armed forces and their families, has accepted the additional responsibility of providing for informal club activities for overseas servicemen; and

WHEREAS the organization's blood program provides blood for the sick and injured in nearly half the Nation's hospitals and, at the same time, enables the Red Cross to meet its responsibility as the collecting agency of blood for national defense; and

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WHEREAS the Red Cross is a medium for extending emergency relief to families stricken by disaster, and for helping to rehabilitate those families, as well as for making available to all the people training in such essential skills as first aid, water safety, and home nursing; and

WHEREAS these services and many others performed by millions of adult and junior members of the organization prepare our people to save lives and mitigate suffering, both in time of peace and in time of national emergency; and

WHEREAS the American Red Cross is appealing for \$85,000,000 and thirty million members to help it achieve its objectives in the year ahead:

Red Cross Month,  
1954.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1954 as Red Cross Month; and I urge every American during that month to cooperate in furthering the work of this humanitarian organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-eighth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
*Secretary of State*

#### DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT HALF-STAFF UPON THE DEATH OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND FORMER OFFICIALS

March 1, 1954  
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the flag of the United States of America be flown at half-staff on Federal buildings, grounds, and facilities upon the death of principal officials and former officials of the Government of the United States and the Governors of the States, Territories, and possessions of the United States as a mark of respect to their memory; and

WHEREAS it is desirable that rules be prescribed for the uniform observance of this mark of respect by all executive departments and agencies of the Government, and as a guide to the people of the Nation generally on such occasions:

Display of flag at  
half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, do hereby prescribe and proclaim the following rules with respect to the display of the flag of the United States of America at half-staff upon the death of the officials hereinafter designated:

1. The flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions for the period indicated upon the death of any of the following-designated officials or former officials of the United States:

(a) The President or a former President: for thirty days from the day of death.